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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner in Lexington, Va. I am opening a bicycle shop, and in the past have run bicycle tours and events in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.

This is a rural area and a large part of our audience is within about a four hour drive radius, and includes Charlotte NC, Richmond and Virginia Beach, Va, the Washington DC region, and reaching up to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

My ability to market and communicate with the people in these areas is due to my access to the internet. Preserving our local ISP's is crucial to the success of my business.

I strongly support broadband competition and need the bridge 2 broadband.

Regards,

Dave Walsh